

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the official action dated November 15, 2005, in which claims 7 and 8 were finally rejected. Claims 1-8 were pending in the application. In the official action, claims 1-6 were allowed, and claims 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' admitted prior art in view of US Patent Number 5,400,162 to Newberg et al.

In this Amendment, claims 7 and 8 have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Since this Amendment merely cancels claims, it should be entered in due course. Nevertheless, if any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 654-5000.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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